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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) BOR-2019-00229 Final Response

Jimmy Tobias:

This letter is the final response to FOIA control number BOR-2019-00229. After a thorough search of our files, it has been determined that the Bureau has no records responsive to your request.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe Reclamation's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and Reclamation concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and Reclamation's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and Reclamation will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information:

Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.

Telephone: (202) 208-5339
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Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

As part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
National Archives and Records Administration Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Room 2510 -OGIS Telephone: 202-741-5770
8601 Adelphi Road Facsimile: 202-741-5769
College Park, MD 20740-6001 Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer. For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The fee incurred in responding to your request is less than \$50 and is not being charged in accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 2.49(a)(1). You may contact the Reclamation FOIA Public Liaison at (303) 445-3292, via mail at the above letterhead address; or via email at borfoia@usbr.gov for any issues or concerns concerning this response.

Thank you,

Michelle Piland
Bureau of Reclamation
FOIA and 508 Compliance Officer